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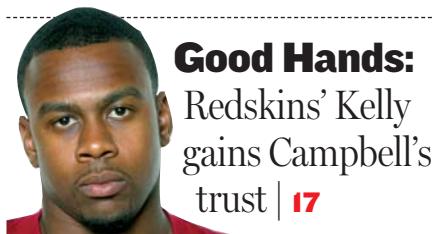


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Obama Delivers Pep Talk to Students



SCHOOL SPIRIT: President Obama greets students at Wakefield High School in Arlington, Va., after giving a speech on the importance of education. In his ballyhooed address, Obama urged the nation's students to stick with school no matter what. • **Friendly Advice:** Obama says watch what you post | **Page 3**

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Fab Game:

The Beatles: Rock Band' is a treat for any player. Plus, Jay-Z's new album comes early.

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Health Care's Critical Moment

Obama prepares key speech with reform plan in jeopardy

WASHINGTON | Americans would be fined up to \$3,800 for failing to buy health insurance under a plan that circulated in Congress on Tuesday as President Obama met with Democratic leaders to search for ways to salvage his health care overhaul.

In advance of what Obama hopes will be a game-changing speech to lawmakers, the one idea that most appeals to the Democrats' liberal base — a government-run

plan — lost ground in Congress.

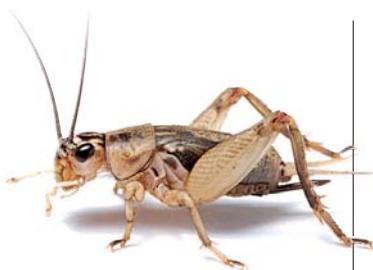
After a month of contentious forums, Americans were seeking specifics from the president in his speech to a joint session of Congress on Wednesday night. So were his fellow Democrats, divided on how best to solve the problem of the nation's nearly 50 million uninsured.

The latest proposal: a bipartisan compromise that Sen. Max Baucus, D-Mont., a mod-

erate who heads the influential Finance Committee, was trying to broker. Baucus, meeting with a small group of fellow senators, promoted a plan that would guarantee coverage for nearly all Americans at a cost to taxpayers of less than \$900 billion over 10 years.

Democratic leaders put on a bold front as they left the White House after their meeting with the president. "We're re-energized; we're ready to do health care reform," said Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada. RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR (AP)

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ATHLETICS

Olympic Committee Eyes Sport for 2012

When it comes to spitting crickets for distance, a Marshfield, Wis., family has the market cornered. Brian Johnsrud spat a dead cricket 22 feet, 8 inches at the Central Wisconsin State Fair on Saturday. Minutes later, his son Jared shot his cricket 10 feet, 5 inches to win the 9-to-11 age division. The elder Johnsrud says the key is to pick the biggest cricket and put it upside down on your tongue. (AP)

HORRIFYING

A Grenade or Two Would Have Made Pics Even Funnier

A New York couple face criminal charges after they allegedly photographed their 11-month-old and 5-year-old boys posing with guns. The mother told authorities that she thought the photos would be funny. The woman e-mailed them to friends and relatives, and one of them called the city's child protection agency. (AP)



DAVID SILVERMAN/GETTY IMAGES

PAPER

Israeli Brides On a Roll

Models in Tel Aviv were decked out in bridal gowns and accessories (such as the flowers and train at left) made of toilet paper Tuesday. The Lily brand of toilet paper commissioned the dresses to celebrate Sept. 9 (09/09/09), seen as an auspicious date to marry. Twice as many couples than normal are expected to wed tomorrow. (EXPRESS)

PRESENTS

“One of their friends had an eye on the chili and they got together last night and decided they were going to get it.”

— SGT. CAMILLO GRANDE OF BENNINGTON, VT., REGARDING A TEAM OF FOUR WHO TRIED TO STEAL THE GIANT PEPPER FROM ATOP A CHILI’S RESTAURANT SUNDAY.

BAD TIMING

Nervous Tick Gave Him Away

Delaware state police said a thief has been caught red-handed — and that hand happened to be wearing a watch stolen from a trooper nearly two years ago. Police said a trooper’s car was burglarized at a Wilmington restaurant Sunday. The trooper tracked down a Chevrolet Blazer that had been parked close to his own car and found that the driver had not only stolen his wife’s wallet, but that he was wearing a Delaware state police 20-year anniversary watch. (AP)



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Wis. Police: DNA Match In Slayings

Authorities say man is linked to deaths of nine women since '86

MILWAUKEE | A Milwaukee man authorities say is linked by DNA to the slayings of nine women since



Ellis

1986 was captured by police after an officer spotted his car at a motel, authorities said.

Walter E. Ellis, 49, has been charged in

the deaths of two of the nine victims, and more charges are expected, prosecutors said Monday.

Police said a DNA sample from Ellis' toothbrush matched samples from the bodies of nine women ages 16 to 41 who were killed between 1986 and 2007. Investigators believe eight of the women were prostitutes and one was a runaway.

Authorities began to focus on Ellis after his name surfaced in connection with a number of unsolved homicides, police Chief Edward Flynn said. He would not be more specific. (AP)

'There Is No Excuse for Not Trying'

President challenges nation's youth to take education seriously

ARLINGTON, VA. | In a pep talk that kept clear of politics, President Obama on Tuesday challenged the nation's students to take pride in their education — and stick with it even if they don't like every class or must overcome tough circumstances at home.

"Every single one of you has something that you're good at. Every single one of you has something to offer," Obama told students at Wakefield High School in Arlington, Va., and children watching his speech on television in schools across the country. "And you have a responsibility to yourself to discover what that is."

Presidents often visit schools, and Obama was not the first one to offer a back-to-school address aimed at millions of students in every grade.

Yet this one was doused with controversy from the beginning, as several conservative organizations and many concerned par-



JOHN MOORE/GETTY IMAGES

Second-graders at Park Hill School in Denver watch President Obama's back-to-school address in class on Tuesday. Some schools refused to show the address.



COME-ONS 'Now I've Come Back for Your Heart' Police said a suspect in a home robbery in Columbus, Ohio, was arrested when he returned to the home about two hours later to ask one of the victims on a date. Police say 20-year-old Stephfon Bennett of Columbus was among three men who robbed a couple late Sunday. Columbus police Sgt. Sean Laird said the woman recognized Bennett as one of the robbers when he returned to ask her out. She had a relative call 911. Bennett was arraigned Tuesday on a charge of aggravated robbery. (AP)

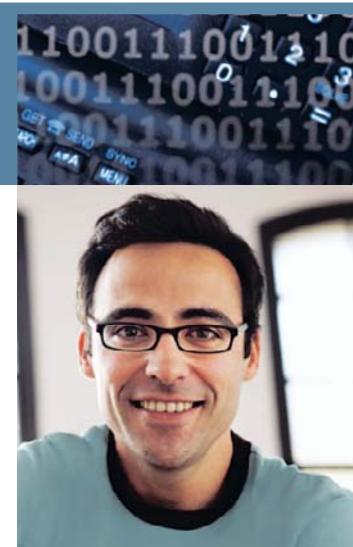
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ents warned Obama was trying to sell his political agenda. That concern was caused in part by an accompanying administration lesson plan encouraging students to "help the president," which the White House later revised and Education Secretary Arne Duncan eventually acknowledged was wrongheaded.

School districts in some areas decided not to provide their students access to the speech.

Obama preceded his broad-scale talk by meeting with about 40 Wakefield students in a school library, where at one point he advised them to "be careful what you post on Facebook. Whatever you do, it will be pulled up again later somewhere in your life."

The White House released the text of his speech a day early so school officials and parents could evaluate it before it was delivered.

"There is no excuse for not trying" he said. "The truth is, being successful is hard. You won't love every subject that you study. You won't click with every teacher that you have." JULIE PACE (AP)

Nation

Hungry Bears Descend on Aspen

Scarce food supply is driving animals into the wealthy Colo. city

ASPEN, COLO. | It's nearly 2 a.m. and authorities have found the suspect in a string of break-ins into multimillion-dollar homes. His nose led him right to their trap — a cage filled with barbecue-scented cantaloupe and peaches.

It's a 550-pound black bear, and it nearly fills the entire cage wildlife officers set for him in the driveway of one of the homes. The bear starts huffing — a warning to give it some space. Within a few hours the bear will be dead because offi-



DAVID ZALUBOWSKI/AP

A black bear forages for scraps of food from a trash bin it tipped over in Aspen, Colo.

cers think he has become too bold and too dangerous.

The bear is one of nine killed by wildlife officers in Aspen and

surrounding Pitkin County so far this summer as some bears have become more aggressive in looking for food. One recently broke into a

Officials say plentiful rainfall this year has damaged the bears' food supply.

home through locked French doors and clawed a woman. Last week, a bear bit or scratched a woman as she slept on her deck.

Aspen police responded to about 200 bear sightings and run-ins with people across town in August, up from 16 last August, chief Richard Pryor said.

Wildlife officials say plentiful rainfall this year has damaged some of the bears' main natural food

source — berries — sending them scavenging for food in this wealthy ski town. But bears are also finding that they don't need to go foraging in the woods, since they are becoming so adept at opening locked trash bins or prying open windows and raiding the fridge.

Not all of them are breaking into houses, though. In nearby Snowmass Village, a bear got caught at the bottom of a skate park and climbed out after workers lowered a ladder.

Officials are worried that the problem will get worse because there's still another two months before winter, said Randy Hampton, spokesman for the Colorado Division of Wildlife. As the nights grow colder, they'll start to eat even more food to prepare for hibernation. COLLEEN SLEVIN (AP)



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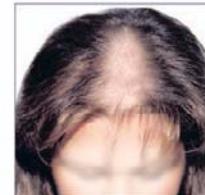
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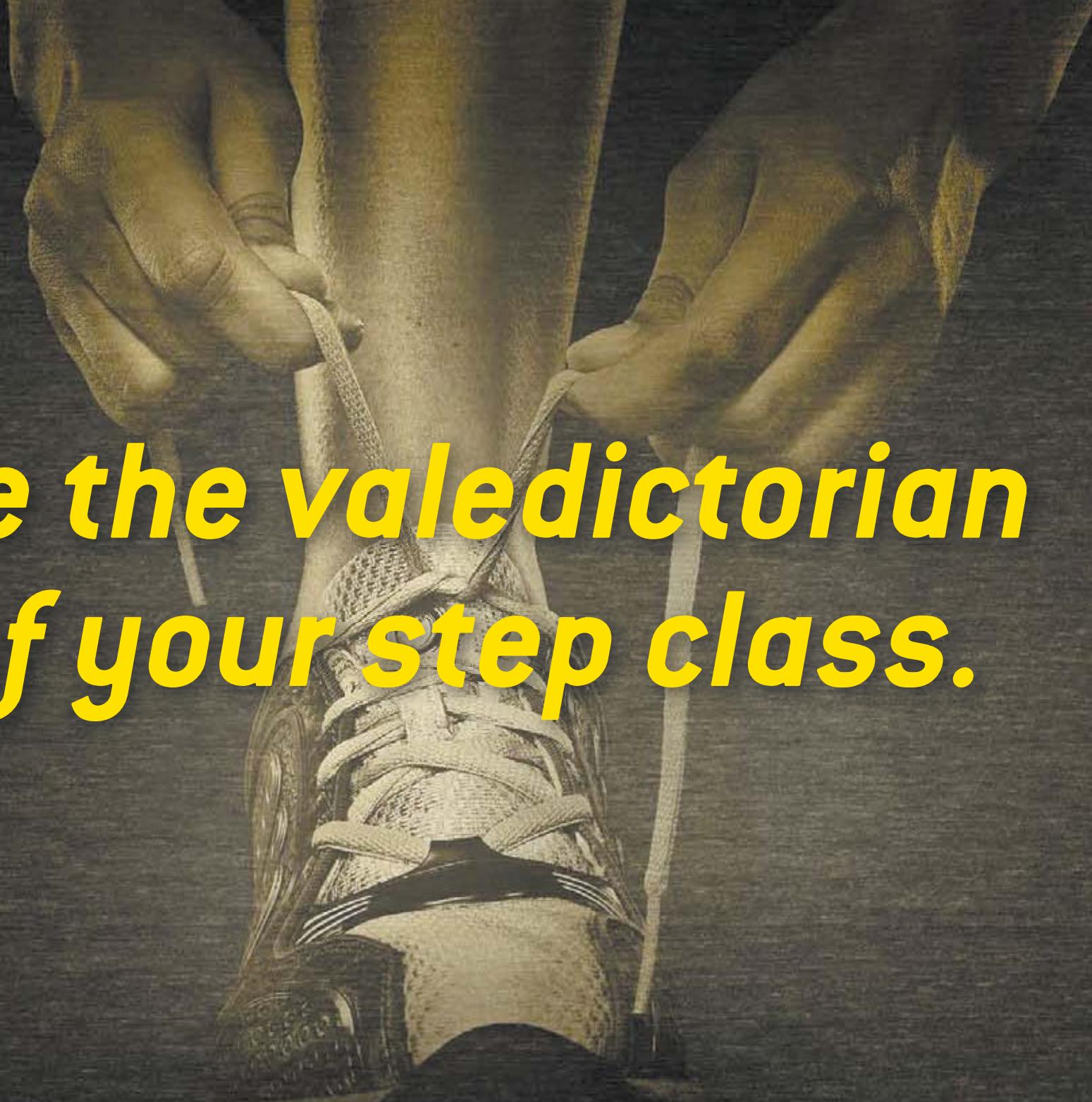
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Justice Sonia Sotomayor is escorted outside the Supreme Court by Chief Justice John Roberts on Tuesday. Sotomayor took her seat on the bench for the first time.

Sotomayor Takes Seat on the Bench

Newest high court justice will hear her first case Wednesday

WASHINGTON | Justice Sonia Sotomayor took her seat Tuesday as the first Latina on the U.S. Supreme Court in front of a packed courtroom that included President Obama and Vice President Joe Biden.

The ceremony was just for show. Sotomayor and the rest of the court return Wednesday for an argument in a major case about campaign finance law.

Sotomayor, 55, last month became the third woman to be a justice. She took the oath again

Tuesday in a ceremony by which the court formally welcomes its newest member.

Attorney General Eric Holder presented Sotomayor's ivory-colored commission from Obama. Chief Justice John Roberts administered the oath of office, after which Sotomayor took her seat at the end of the bench next to Justice Stephen Breyer.

Sotomayor wore a white, decorative collar that was given to her by Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg and a new robe presented by her law clerks in New York.

After the ceremony, Sotomayor and Roberts descended the steps in front of the court to applause from a small crowd. (AP)

Curriculum on 9/11 Attacks Unveiled

NEW YORK | Former Mayor Rudy Giuliani joined Sept. 11 victims' family members, and college professors on Tuesday to unveil a plan to teach middle and high school students about the 2001 terrorist attacks.

The Sept. 11 curriculum, believed to be the first comprehen-

sive educational plan focusing on the attacks, is expected to be tested this year in seven states.

The curriculum is taught through videos and interactive exercises, including one that requires students to track global terrorism activity on Google Earth. (AP)

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U.S. Grocery Bills Are Set to Shrink

Declining ingredient prices will soon be reflected in food costs

BUSINESS | Grocery shoppers are finally seeing some reprieve from last year's steep price increases.

It's welcome relief for Americans who are looking to save money as they cope with stagnant incomes and economic uncertainty.

A Labor Department price index of food sold to be eaten at home fell for the seventh time in eight months in July. The index, which is part of the Consumer Price Index, fell 0.5 percent in the most recent month and is down 0.9 percent in the past 12 months.

Still, that doesn't make up for the surge in food prices from last year, when costs for ingredients such as wheat and corn, and fuel costs for transportation soared to record highs. CPI's food-at-home index finished last year up 6.7 percent, so the less-than 1 percent drop so far in 2009 doesn't erase that.



PAUL SAKUMA/AP

A Labor Department index that tracks the cost of food fell 0.5 percent in July.

But ingredient costs for major food makers are down about 28 percent on average as of Sept. 1, from the same time last year, according to Jonathan Feeney, food analyst for Janney Montgomery Scott.

That means the food industry now has room to give back some of those price hikes — and feed the frugal consumer who is using more coupons, buying more store brands and switching to discounters to stretch a budget. (AP)

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LOS ANGELES | FIRE IN THE HOLE



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THAT SINKING FEELING: A Los Angeles fire truck is pulled out of a sinkhole in the Valley Village neighborhood Tuesday. Four firefighters escaped injury after the truck was pulled into a hole caused by a burst water main. The firefighters were responding to a call about flooding when they saw excessive water on the road, Capt. Steve Ruda said. The road suddenly collapsed as firefighters, worried that the ground was unstable, were backing the truck out of the street.

Court Rejects Pot-as-Faith Defense

PHOENIX | The Arizona Supreme Court on Tuesday said a man isn't entitled to use a state religious-freedom law to overturn his conviction for possessing marijuana while driving.

The state high court's unani-

mous ruling rejected Danny Ray Hardesty's argument that he's entitled to use the same defense allowed for peyote use in American Indian sacramental rights.

The justices said it's already been established that concerns

about public safety and health give the government a compelling interest in restricting marijuana use.

The court concluded that Hardesty's claims that he has a right to use marijuana whenever he pleases means nothing less restrictive than a ban would suffice. (AP)

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World



Palestinian students attend an elementary school in Gaza City Tuesday.

NATO Admits Kunduz Casualties

Canada to lead probe into strike that killed dozens of Afghans

KABUL | Four U.S. troops died Tuesday in a militant attack in eastern Afghanistan, and NATO forces acknowledged for the first time that civilians were among the dozens killed in an airstrike on two hijacked fuel trucks.

Top NATO and U.S. commander Gen. Stanley McChrystal appointed a Canadian major general to lead an investigation into Friday's strike on the fuel tankers in northern Kunduz province. An Afghan official appointed by President Hamid Karzai to examine the attack said his best estimate of the death toll was 82, including at least 45 armed militants.

Also Tuesday, McChrystal banned the sale of alcohol at the military alliance's Kabul headquarters after becoming frustrated when he had trouble getting in touch with some of his staff after the attack in Kunduz, said Capt. Elizabeth Mathias, a U.S. military spokeswoman.

Mathias said four American troops were killed in "a complex



A soldier leaves the scene of a bombing at an airport in Kabul, Afghanistan, as police help an injured man, right, on Tuesday.

attack" in Afghanistan's Kunar province but did not give details.

McClatchy Co. newspapers reported four U.S. Marines died in an ambush by insurgents. Seven Afghan troops and an interpreter also were killed in the attack and hours-long battle that followed, McClatchy's Jonathan S. Landay reported. He said the fighting took

place after U.S. and Afghan forces were asked to a meeting with local elders near the village of Gangigal, near the Pakistani border.

Fighting has intensified since President Obama ordered 21,000 more troops to Afghanistan this year, and controversy after the attack in Kunduz has reopened the debate about how international

forces conduct operations.

Also on Tuesday, a car bomber attacked an international convoy near the entrance to the military airport in Kabul. The chief of Kabul's criminal investigation department, Abdul Ghafar Sayadzada, said three Afghan civilians were killed and six wounded.

DOUGLAS BIRCH AND KAY JOHNSON (AP)

U.N. Stuck In Gaza Argument

Palestinian protests prevent schools from teaching Holocaust

GAZA CITY, GAZA STRIP | Gaza students won't learn about the Holocaust this year.

Protests by Palestinians have disrupted plans to introduce information about the Nazi genocide of 6 million Jews into the curriculum in United Nations schools.

The dispute touches on one of the largest psychological barriers dividing Arabs and Jews: Arabs see the Holocaust as an excuse for Israel's creation, and Jews see Arab Holocaust denial as a rejection of Israel's right to exist.

The uproar has left the U.N. Relief and Works Agency, which runs 221 of more than 600 primary and secondary schools in Gaza, caught between the territory's Hamas leaders — some of them ardent Holocaust deniers — and outraged Jewish groups.

Some in Hamas accused the U.N. agency of trying to generate sympathy for Israel and conspiring against the Palestinians. Jewish activists demanded to know why the subject of the genocide wasn't part of the human rights syllabus in the first place.

"Now we are being bashed from all quarters," said the agency's chief in Gaza, John Ging. KARIN LAUB (AP)

U.N. Orders Afghan Vote Recount

New election returns show Karzai received 54 percent of ballots

KABUL | A U.N.-backed commission found "convincing evidence" of fraud Tuesday in Afghanistan's presidential election and ordered a recount of suspect ballots in at least three provinces, a process that could take months.



An Afghan election worker sorts ballots from the Aug. 20 vote in Kabul Tuesday.

At the same time, Afghan officials released returns that give President Hamid Karzai 54 percent of the vote with nearly all ballots tallied, enough to avoid a runoff unless tainted ballots are thrown out.

The separate announcements from the complaints commission, which is dominated by U.N.-appointed Westerners, and the election commission, which is filled with Karzai appointees, could set

the stage for a showdown.

The image of a crooked Afghan president rigging the vote threatens to discredit the entire U.S.-led mission here at a time when NATO casualties are mounting.

"The perception of fraud will shorten the length of time that one can expect foreign support," said Ronald E. Neumann, a former U.S. ambassador to Afghanistan. "People will just get disgusted. They'll say, 'Why do I sacrifice my son for a leadership that cannot rally the country fairly?'" (AP)



BUSINESS Not Lovin' It American fast-food giant McDonald's lost an eight-year trademark battle to prevent Malaysian restaurant McCurry from using the "Mc" prefix, in a precedent-setting judgment by Malaysia's highest court. The Federal Court ruled Tuesday that Oak Brook, Ill.-based McDonald's cannot appeal against another court's verdict that had allowed McCurry to use "Mc" in its name. The owner says McCurry, which serves Indian food, is an abbreviation for Malaysian Chicken Curry. (AP)

Mexico Shake-Up Draws Criticism

Nominee for AG was mired in controversy as border state official

MEXICO CITY | With a new attorney general, Mexican President Felipe Calderon is trying to get even tougher on drug cartels and those who protect them.

But critics say he tapped the wrong man for the job: Arturo Chavez was mired in controversy as attorney general of a border state where corruption ran rampant and hundreds of women were raped and

murdered with impunity.

In nominating Chavez, Calderon clearly sided with Mexico's top law enforcer, Public Safety Secretary Genaro Garcia Luna, in an increasingly bitter rivalry with outgoing Attorney General Eduardo Medina-Mora. Chavez and Garcia Luna are allies from the same faction of the ruling party.

While Medina-Mora focused on restructuring Mexico's justice system, Garcia Luna won praise for carrying out the bulk of the 80,000 drug arrests since Calderon took office in 2006. He over-



Outgoing Mexican Federal Attorney General Eduardo Medina-Mora, left, looks away while standing next to President Felipe Calderon at a press conference on Monday.

sees thousands of federal police working alongside soldiers in the country's drug hot spots.

Calderon's drug war has drawn criticism as the death toll topped 13,500, and his party lost ground in midterm congressional elections in July. There has also been discontent among the armed forces, which want more action against politicians who protect cartels.

"It's one thing to go after capos, but behind the capos are those who are benefiting from the drug dealing — the governors, senators, deputies, mayors and thousands of civilian public officials," said George Grayson, a Mexico expert at the College of William & Mary in Virginia. JULIE WATSON (AP)

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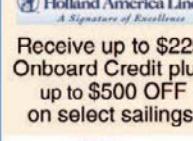
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World

Baghdad Blasts Kill 4 U.S. Troops

Attacks lead to worst day for Americans in Iraq since drawdown

BAGHDAD | Four U.S. soldiers were killed by roadside bombs Tuesday, the deadliest day for American forces in Iraq since combat troops pulled back from urban areas more than two months ago.

The separate attacks in Baghdad and in northern Iraq showed the dangers still facing U.S. troops as they drastically scale back their presence and prepare for a full withdrawal by the end of 2011.

The monthly U.S. death toll has declined sharply this year, falling into single digits for the first time, with American troops shifting to a mainly support and training role in line with a security pact that took effect on Jan. 1.

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The number of U.S. soldiers killed in Iraq in August — the lowest monthly toll since the war began in 2003.

Bombings and shootings killed at least 10 Iraqis on Tuesday. The attacks have heightened concerns about Iraqi forces' ability to protect the people and raised fears of resurgent violence ahead of January's parliamentary elections.

One roadside bomb struck a patrol in Baghdad, killing one American soldier. A short time later, a bomb targeting a patrol in northern Iraq killed three U.S. soldiers, the military said. KIM GAMBEL (AP)

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BACK IN ROYAL DRAWERS: Curators hold bloomers and a chemise that once belonged to Britain's Queen Victoria in London on Tuesday. The bloomers, which have a 56-inch waist, were added to the Royal Ceremonial Dress Collection.



NATURE **Petite Parrots** The world's smallest parrot, the buff-faced pygmy parrot, has been filmed in the wild for the first time, the BBC said. The bird, which is about the size of an adult's thumb, is smaller than some insects with which it shares a forest. Two of the parrots were filmed in Papua New Guinea.

French Rumor Hits New Heights

Worker says Sarkozy stages crowd to make himself appear taller

PARIS | From elevator shoes to step-up boxes behind podiums, and even his own tiptoes, Nicolas Sarkozy and his handlers have tried to compensate for his height — or lack thereof.

Now, a factory worker's claim that she was chosen to stand near the French president during a photo shoot because she is short is making waves on the Internet — and rankling Sarkozy's office.

The brouhaha was sparked during a visit to an auto parts plant

in Normandy last week in which Sarkozy laid out his support for the industry and defended his controversial plan for a "carbon tax" to help the environment.

About 20 employees in white work smocks were gathered to stand behind Sarkozy on a riser as he spoke to about 600 workers at the new Faurecia automotive parts production site in Caligny.

"I've been told you were chosen on height criteria," a reporter for the Belgian TV network RTBF asked a dark-haired woman in the lineup. "Is that true?"

"Yes, yes," she said.

The reporter, Jean-Philippe Shaller, pressed on: "That you



French President Nicolas Sarkozy stands on his toes for a photo in April. CHARLES DHARAPAK/AP

5' 5"

The estimated height of French President Nicolas Sarkozy, the BBC said. Famously short French leader Napoleon was likely 5 feet 6 inches tall.

shouldn't be taller than the president?"

"That's right," she replied, then nervously looked away.

Two presidential spokesmen denied the claim, terming it "absurd and grotesque" and saying no such order had come from Sarkozy's office.

Sarkozy often appears with crowds, at times with people taller than he is. JAMEY KEATEN (AP)

Iranian Forces Raid Opposition Leaders' Offices

TEHRAN, IRAN | Iranian security forces on Tuesday cracked down on the opposition's campaign to highlight torture and abuse of prisoners in the country's post-election crisis, shutting down offices of pro-reform leaders and arresting five of their aides in a startling series of raids.

The raids hiked up the pressure against the country's top opposition leaders, Mir Hossein Mousavi and Mahdi Karroubi, who hard-line clerics and commanders of the powerful Revolutionary Guards have said should also be arrested. (AP)

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Students at Wakefield High School in Arlington vie for President Obama's attention after he delivered a speech there Tuesday.

Report: D.C. Ranked 4th-Best College City

A new report identifies Washington as the nation's fourth-best metropolitan area to attend college, behind New York, San Francisco and Boston.

The 2009-2010 College Destinations Index, released Tuesday by the American Institute for Economic Research, identifies the 75 best places in America for college study, ranked according to academic

environment, quality of life and professional opportunities.

The report groups cities by size. The D.C. region is ranked among metropolitan areas with at least 2.5 million residents, beating out such locales as Seattle (fifth) and Chicago (12th).

Baltimore, home to Johns Hopkins University, ranks seventh.

DANIEL DE VISE (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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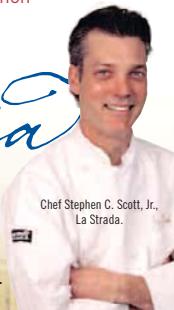
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Obama Wows Wakefield

President's speech at Arlington school a big hit for students

The first day of school is often met with excitement, jitters and even dread. It's rarely a day for jumping up and down and shrieking. But that's what happened Tuesday at Wakefield High School in Arlington when President Obama walked onstage at noon.

Backed by a blue sign that read "MY EDUCATION, MY FUTURE," the president delivered an 18-minute speech urging students to take responsibility for their education and success.

But for the 1,600 students at Wakefield High School, it was a

pep rally — on steroids. A celebration of their school's academic accomplishments.

"I was proud to be a part of it," said Timothy Spicer, a 17-year-old senior class president who introduced the president. "Now I feel

"I was proud to be a part of it. I feel ready to start school."

TIMOTHY SPICER, SENIOR CLASS PRESIDENT, WAKEFIELD HIGH SCHOOL

ready to start school."

Students listened quietly from the green-edged bleachers as he spoke, their eyes occasionally wandering to the fleet of television cameras and reporters that occupied half their gym floor.

When Obama finished, the students were on their feet again, applauding and waving, cameras and cell phones in the air.

It's unclear how many schools or teachers throughout the region incorporated the speech into their lunch periods or lessons Tuesday.

Most school systems left the decision of whether to air the speech to school principals and teachers.

Principal Tim Thomas planned to show it at 1:30 p.m. in all classrooms at Westfield High School in Chantilly, Va. "I felt as though, especially after reading the script yesterday, that it's a great educational energizer," Thomas said.

MICHAEL ALISON CHANDLER AND EMMA BROWN (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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Local

Bright Upon Wealthy D.C.

Cleveland Park area littered with empty storefronts as of late

Dead leaves have begun to collect outside the locked storefront where some of Washington's wealthiest residents once got their daily caffeine fix. The Starbucks sign came down three months ago. The green-umbrella sidewalk tables are gone.

Next door, the upscale furniture consignment store has moved out. At Supercuts one door down, two signs announce "We're closing soon!" Up Connecticut Avenue, an ice cream parlor is "closed until further notice," and a tailor warns customers to pick up their orders soon. After 23 years, a sign on the door says the shop is "closing for good" Sept. 15.

The number of empty and soon-to-be-vacant storefronts — one in six — in this three-block stretch is lighting up local blogs and the Cleveland Park listserv: How did one of Washington's most affluent and stable neighborhoods fall on hard times? ("It's official," one blogger recently declared. "Clev-



A restaurant space is for lease on the 3400 block of Connecticut Avenue in Cleveland Park. The Northwest D.C. neighborhood has a number of empty storefronts.

land Park is dead.") How will the historic neighborhood rebound?

"I'm very concerned," said D.C. Council member Mary M. Cheh, D-Ward 3, who lived in Cleveland Park in the 1980s before moving to nearby Forest Hills. Calling Starbucks' June departure particularly "disturbing," Cheh said, "You can't even maintain a coffee shop in Cleveland Park? Come on. That's

pretty telling." KATHERINE SHAVER
(THE WASHINGTON POST)

To Grow or Not to Grow

→ Many residents say the biggest factor behind the empty storefronts is a zoning rule limiting neighborhood restaurants and bars, which many say they think is too strict. | **Today's Metro**

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929 THE NUMBER OF POSITIONS Virginia Gov. Timothy M. Kaine announced Tuesday he will cut to make up for a \$1.5 billion shortfall in the state budget. Kaine has not proposed any tax increase and will minimize cuts to K-12 education, but he is cutting millions from state agencies. (TWP)

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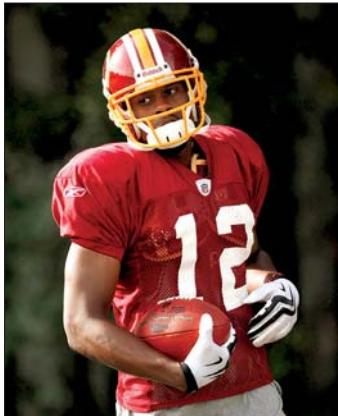
Second-year receiver wins Campbell's trust during the preseason

REDSKINS | Second-year wide receiver Malcolm Kelly is expected to be the Redskins' starting flanker in the season opener Sunday against the New York Giants.

During the preseason, Kelly showed that he can catch passes in traffic, especially on balls that were a little off-target. In the process, Kelly gained the confidence of quarterback Jason Campbell.

Kelly said he wants to be a "security blanket" for Campbell, and it appears Campbell will have his blanket. "He'll be on the field," offensive coordinator Sherman Smith said. "Jason will feel good about it. He'll have his security blanket out there."

Kelly impressed the coaches with his steady rehab from off-season microfracture knee surgery, Smith said. He continued to make strides in camp and the preseason while closing the gap with fellow second-year wideout Devin Thomas in the flanker com-



The 6-foot-4-inch Malcolm Kelly is the Redskins' tallest receiver this season.

petition, and the Redskins believe they can rely on Kelly.

"He brings work ethic to practice. It makes a difference," Smith said. "He needs to get crisper in running his routes, but you can see the hands and all of that. And, again, the work ethic — that's what is making a difference for him."

"And Devin has worked hard, too. I'm not taking that away from him. But Malcolm ... just getting healthy was so important for him. He's feeling good about that, and I just see all of it working for him."

JASON REID (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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REDSKINS | BY MATT SWENSON

Gloomy Forecast For the Redskins

WHEN EVALUATING the Redskins' schedule this year, two things become apparent quickly.

First, there seem to be four gimme games — against the Rams and Chiefs, and at the Lions and Raiders. Second, Washington may be lucky to crank out another win or two the rest of the season.

We'll bet the Redskins' defense can keep the team in most games. The defensive line should be better than last year's — and by better, we mean that it will actually make plays this year. London Fletcher anchors a solid linebacking corps,

There seem to be four gimme games. ... Washington may be lucky to crank out another win.

and we like DeAngelo Hall as a No. 1 cornerback.

The offense, though, is still suspect. Jason Campbell has yet to put together a successful full season. Clinton Portis is probably on the downside of his career and is constantly fighting injuries because he plays so hard. Devin Thomas may be fast, but we don't know whether he can catch. Malcolm Kelly does seem to have good hands, yet can he get open down the field?

If only the kicking game were suspect. Shaun Suisham's camp victory is a case of "fool me once, shame on you; fool me twice, shame on me." The guy isn't reliable, and in close games, that is going to cost Jim Zorn his job.

The Redskins won't be awful, even though their record might be. Put us down for 6-10 and Jon Gruden as next year's coach.



Coach John Harbaugh, center, is aiming to guide the Ravens to the Super Bowl after winning two playoff games last season.

Ravens Look to Take the Next Step

Harbaugh enters year looking to build off a successful first season

RAVENS | So, what else does John Harbaugh have to prove after taking the Baltimore Ravens to the AFC championship game in his first season as an NFL head coach?

Everything.

Harbaugh took over a 5-11 team, started a rookie quarterback and won 13 games, including two in the playoffs. His success justified the confidence of Ravens owner Steve Bisciotti and general manager Ozzie Newsome, who gave Harbaugh the job even though his previous pro experience was directing the spe-

FIRST TEST

→ Baltimore opens the season against the Kansas Chiefs, who hope to have new starting QB Matt Cassel at their disposal. Cassel practiced on Monday after injuring his left knee during a preseason game on Aug. 29. The Chiefs traded for Cassel in the offseason.

cial teams and secondary of the Philadelphia Eagles.

"They went out on a limb a little bit and chose to hire an unproven coach," Harbaugh said. "There's no 'I told you so' that I'd admit to, but by the same token, my goal personally was to prove them right."

The Ravens worked hard during the off-season to take the next step. Newsome signed several free agents, most notably center Matt Birk, cornerback Dominique Foxworth, tight end L.J. Smith and kick returner Chris Carr.

The defense lost coordinator Rex Ryan, linebacker Bart Scott and safety Jim Leonhard. But Greg Mattison, who took over for Ryan, may have more to work with, including tackle Kelly Gregg and safety Dawan Landry, who didn't contribute last year because of injuries.

During a meeting with the defense, Mattison held the playbook and said, "It doesn't really matter who is standing up in front of you, and it doesn't really matter what this playbook has. Because as long as we have the attitude and the players that we have, we're going to be successful." DAVID GINSBURG (AP)



COLLEGE FOOTBALL **BYU Rises** BYU jumped 11 spots to No. 9 and Alabama received two first-place votes Tuesday in the first regular-season AP Top 25. The Cougars pulled the biggest upset of the opening weekend of the college football season, beating Oklahoma 14-13 on Saturday. Heisman Trophy winner Sam Bradford of Oklahoma was knocked out of the game. Oklahoma dropped 10 spots, from No. 3 to No. 13. Florida was still an overwhelming No. 1, receiving 56 of 60 first-place votes. Texas held steady at No. 2. (AP)



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Sports

U.S. Set for Final Stretch

Squad tightens down with 3 games left to qualify for World Cup

SOCER | The U.S. national team's status as a global contender, cemented with its run to June's Confederations Cup final, hasn't had much bearing on its qualification campaign for next summer's World Cup.

Thanks to motivated rivals, a couple untimely lapses and the always-perilous CONCACAF road trips, this year's race is closer than ever. "People always think it's going to be easy, but it never is," Landon Donovan said.

After Saturday's arduous 2-1 win over El Salvador, the U.S. (4-2-1) is tied with Honduras and just one point ahead of Costa Rica and resurgent Mexico in the battle for



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Oguchi Onyewu returns to the U.S. soccer team after a one-game suspension.

the region's three automatic berths. Just three games remain, including Wednesday night's match at Trinidad and Tobago (1-4-2) and the battle to avoid fourth place. A do-or-die playoff against a South American side likely will go down to the Oct. 14 finale against Costa Rica at RFK Stadium.

The U.S. must play at Honduras on Oct. 10. The Hondurans

have won their eight home qualifiers by a combined score of 22-3, making Wednesday night's game in Trinidad absolutely critical for the Americans. Perhaps more than any other country, soccer's growth and visibility in the U.S. depends on World Cup qualification. There's much at stake.

"We understand how important every game is here at the end," coach Bob Bradley said. "We have to continue to fight for every point."

The U.S. will be boosted by the return of AC Milan defender and D.C. native Oguchi Onyewu, who was suspended on Saturday. Up front, Donovan is playing the best soccer of his career and set up both goals against the Salvadorans, and Jozy Altidore has tallied six in qualifying and is coming into his own as an international striker.

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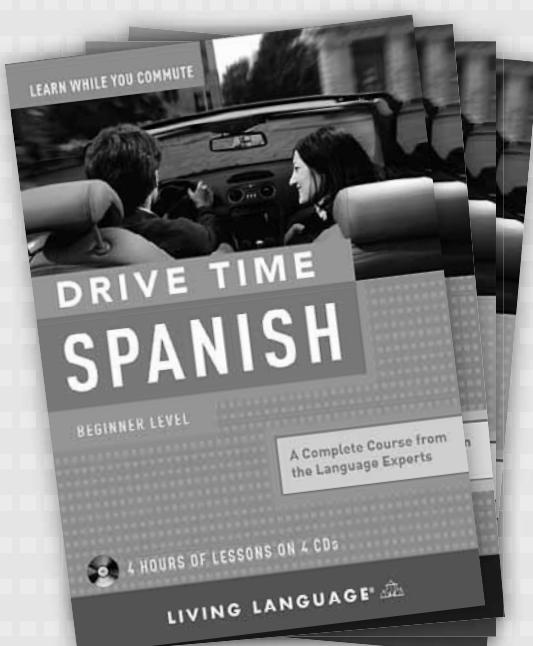
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Sports



Kim Clijsters of Belgium returns a shot against Li Na during the quarterfinals of the U.S. Open on Tuesday. She's won her last 12 matches at Flushing Meadows.

Clijsters Rolls Into U.S. Open Semis

Belgian continues her dominant run after ending her retirement

TENNIS | Kim Clijsters pulled off another upset that didn't really look like one. Now, she's only two wins from a U.S. Open title hardly anyone could have seen coming.

The mother of 18-month-old Jada, Clijsters dismantled 18th-seeded Li Na, 6-2, 6-4, in the quarterfinals Tuesday, punishing China's top tennis star with deep, stinging groundstrokes that were part of a game that looked about like it did when Clijsters retired two years ago. Or maybe better.

The 26-year-old Belgian is back at the U.S. Open for the first time since 2005, when she won the tournament, and now has a winning streak of 12 matches at Flushing Meadows. Her next match will be against the winner between No. 2 Serena Williams and No. 10 Flavia Pennetta.

"I'm glad I got through it again, stayed focused on my game," Clijsters said. "I wanted to be aggressive, and I think that's what helped winning those important points today."

On the men's side, No. 2 seed Andy Murray was ousted by No. 16 Marin Cilic, 7-5, 6-2, 6-2.

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NATIONALS (7 P.M. ON MASN2) The World Champion Phillies continue their trip against the Nats.

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UNITED (7:30 P.M. ON CSN) D.C. United tries to shrug off its malaise against the Kansas City Wizards.

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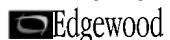
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Here Comes the Fun

Sharp graphics and a sweet jam selection make 'The Beatles: Rock Band' a winner

VIDEO GAME | "The Beatles: Rock Band" has produced more buzz than any video game since the last "Grand Theft Auto." When Paul McCartney and Ringo Starr took the stage at Microsoft's Xbox press conference at E3 this summer, they were greeted with a standing ovation.

Gamers, then, already know and love the Fab Four, so the idea that "The Beatles: Rock Band" will introduce their music to a new audience is nonsense. A more important question: Will the more technophobic members of the Beatles' massive fan base finally be motivated to pick up a game controller?

The \$250 Beatles premium bundle includes all the gear you need, but you can use instruments from previous "Rock Band" or "Guitar Hero" games. And if you have a few extra microphones, you can reproduce the band's three-part harmony.

The game play is intuitive enough that just about anyone can join in, and the use of Beatles songs this time around makes it even more accessible. However, with only 45 tracks, not all of your favorites are here (no "Yesterday" or "Strawberry Fields Forever"). There are more tunes on the way, and before the end of the year,



FAB (ANIMATED) FOUR: When playing "The Beatles: Rock Band," you can be Paul, George, Ringo or John for the night.

you'll be able to download "Abbey Road," "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band" and "Rubber Soul" in their entirety.

The initial track list, drawn from all the Beatles' studio albums, smartly follows the arc of the band's career. It begins with "I Saw Her Standing There" at the Cavern Club in Liverpool, England (the band first played a lunchtime session at the club in 1961), followed by gigs on "The Ed Sullivan Show."

After the band stops touring

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in 1966, the music gets considerably more challenging. From the woolly psychedelia of "I Am the Walrus" to the ominous proto-metal of "Helter Skelter" to the minimalist blues of "I Want You

(She's So Heavy)," you get a musical outline of the band from its peak to its disintegration.

Without any concert footage to work from, the Harmonix animators illustrate the studio years with hallucinatory "dreamscapes." "Yellow Submarine," for example, reprises images from the 1968 movie, while "Here Comes the Sun" transports the boys to an idyllic field.

It's irresistible, even for those of us who preferred the Rolling Stones. **LOU KESTEN (AP)**



FILMMAKING **Tyler Perry's Serious Movie** Tyler Perry will adapt the 1975 play "For Colored Girls Who Have Considered Suicide When the Rainbow is Enuf" for a film to be released by Lionsgate. Perry will write, direct and produce the project under his new production shingle, 34th Street Pictures. It will also be his first movie not based on his own work. The play, by Ntozake Shange, is structured as a series of poems that deal with issues such as love, abandonment, rape and abortion. **(THE HOLLYWOOD REPORTER)**

The Stars Align for The King

Celebs sign on for a massive Jackson tribute concert

PERFORMANCE | Mary J. Blige, Chris Brown and Natalie Cole will be among the top artists performing at a Sept. 26 Michael Jackson tribute concert in Vienna, Austria, organizers said Tuesday.

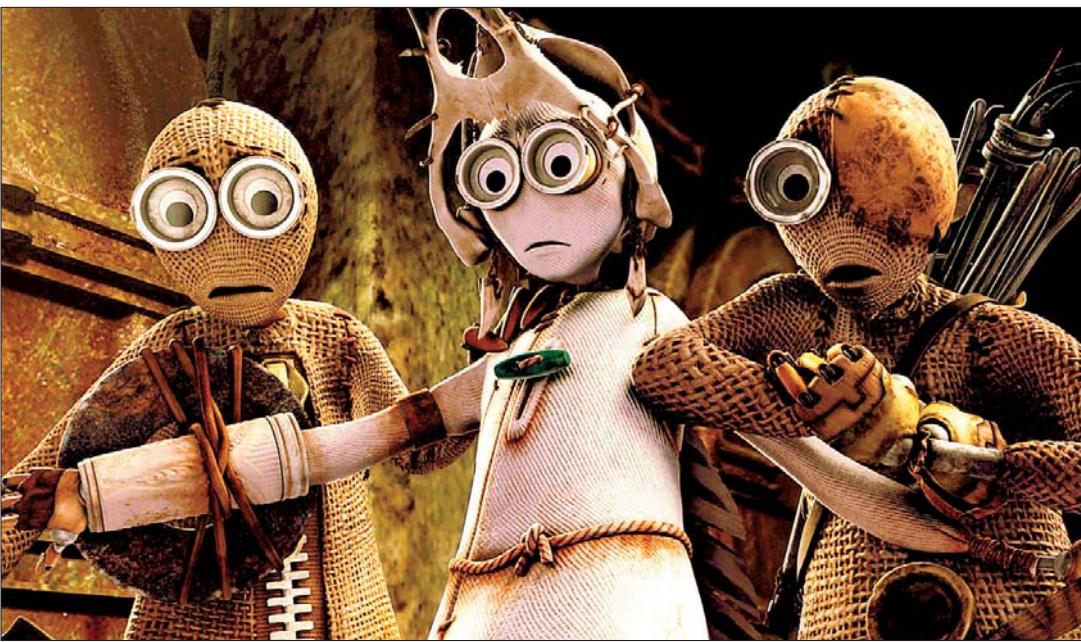
But they left open the possibility that major stars such as Madonna might still be part of the show that will take place outside a 17th-century palace in the Austrian capital.

"Just hold your horses!" Michael Jackson's brother Jermaine Jackson told reporters at a packed news conference in Vienna's city hall.

Event promoter Georg Kindel said that up to 25 performers are expected to participate in concert, which is being billed as the main global tribute to the King of Pop, who died June 25 in Los Angeles. More names will be unveiled later this week in London and Berlin, Kindel said.

VERONIKA OLEKSYN (AP)

entertainment lookout



BY THE NUMBERS: 9, voiced by Elijah Wood; 7, voiced by Jennifer Connelly; and 5, voiced by John C. Reilly, powwow in "9."

Band of Burlap

Rag dolls mired in a post-apocalyptic mess intrigue and delight in Shane Acker's '9'

FILM | Despite their rough-hewn appearance, the resourceful rag dolls in "9" obviously were crafted with great love and care, both by the scientist who made them in the film and the mastermind behind them in real life, director Shane Acker.

If only as much complex thought had gone into the script.

The animation is so breathtaking in its originality, so weird and wondrous in its detail, you wish there were more meat to the screenplay from Pamela Petler, who previously wrote "Monster House."

Based on Acker's animated short of the same name, which was nominated for an Oscar in

2006, "9" follows a group of creatures who represent the last vestige of humanity in a post-apocalyptic world. It's set in the future after a war between mankind and machines but eerily resembles Europe after World War II.

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9 (voiced by Elijah Wood) awakens to find no people are left, but there are a few others like him: tiny, fabric dolls stitched together coarsely but sturdily, with lenses for eyes. (As in "WALL-E," the eyes convey a lot more emotion than you might imagine.) It's easy to see why Tim Burton was drawn

to "9" and wanted to help get it made as a producer.

The dolls have numbers on their backs signifying who they are and the order in which they were created. They include 1 (Christopher Plummer), the priestly, rigid leader; 2 (Martin Landau), an aging but feisty inventor; 5 (John C. Reilly), who's loyal but afraid of everything; and 7 (Jennifer Connelly), a brave and butt-kicking warrior. Appropriately, Crispin Glover provides the voice of the group's misfit artist, 6. There are also 3 and 4, mute twins who are experts on history, and the brutish 8 (Fred Tatasciore), who looks like the Michelin Man and serves as 1's enforcer.

Acker isn't taking us over the rainbow, but he has brought us someplace daring and new, and he makes you anxious to see what other destinations he has in mind.

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CASTING Fresh Faces Rami Malek, Julian Morris and Hrach Titizian have landed parts on Fox's "24." Malek will play Marcos, a would-be suicide bomber who is Arab American with sympathies toward radical Islam. Morris, pictured, will play a CTU SWAT agent. Titizian will play Nabeel, a security officer for President Hassan. (THE HOLLYWOOD REPORTER)

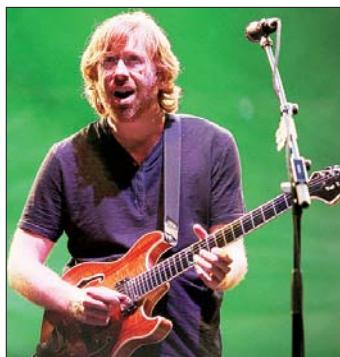
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Find Joy' In Phish's Latest

The jam band puts out a self-assured post-reunion album with live potential

MUSIC | The finicky fans of Phish have never been much satisfied with the Vermont jam band's studio offerings — if they were, they wouldn't go to such extremes to catch the band live.

"Joy," the foursome's first post-reunion record, is one of the band's strongest, most self-assured albums in more than a decade,



Phish's Trey Anastasio plays music where his fans want him: onstage.

think now, jubilation will eventually erupt with the first strains of "Backwards Down the Number Line," "Light," "Sugar Shack" and "Time Turns Elastic," four tunes off of "Joy" that stand out here as potential monsters in the Phish canon.

As a whole, "Joy" is grounded, unfussy and songwriting-driven. This album is remarkable for its clarity and focus; through multiple listens, individual instruments shine within the intricate weave, a credit to producer Steve Lillywhite.

Instead, they crackle with an in-the-room presence, like the propulsive "Light," a whirling, ecstatic bliss-out, at once a driving rocker in the vein of the Who (circa "Quadrophenia") — and vehicle for the most blindingly brilliant notes of vocal harmony that Phish has ever sung.

JOSH L. DICKEY (AP)

the surest sign since the March reboot concerts in Hampton, Va., that Phish intends not just to hang around awhile, but to keep pushing onward and upward.

Will Phish-heads take notice?

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Jay-Z simply refuses to fade into middle age and let the world forget about him.

Aging With Street Cred

Jay-Z reaffirms his roles of wordsmith and hip-hop king on 'The Blueprint 3'

MUSIC | It's tough for hip-hop stars to age well. Once they become celebrities living in mansions and starring in family movies, street cred is usually the first thing to go. Just ask Ice Cube. Longevity just wasn't built into the hip-hop lifestyle, with its premium on youthful swagger, street tales and fast turnover.

But Jay-Z, who turns 40 in December, asserts that he's the exception on his 11th studio album, "The Blueprint 3" (Roc Nation), which he rush-released Tuesday after it leaked online. "I'm a multimillionaire, so how is it I'm still the hardest [thug] here?" he announces on "D.O.A. (Death of Auto-Tune)."

The album aims to show everyone he still has wicked skills on the mic. It does, even as it illustrates that sometimes he coasts on his celebrity. Hubris reigns. He's the king of New York, able to com-

mand cameos from Rihanna and Alicia Keys on "Run This Town" and "New York State of Mind," respectively. These tracks are the sound of Jay-Z cruising for pop hits. But there's no justifying "Forever Young," with a vocal hook sung by Mr Hudson; it's the kind of mush that suggests there might be something true to those rumors Jay-Z has gone soft.

Yet even at three-quarters

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speed, Jay-Z can still be formidable. The hard-edged soul claps of "A Star Is Born" and the zinging strings of "Already Home" (both produced by Kanye West) are natural fits, and he dazzles without breaking a sweat.

The message: Don't mess with ol' Gray-Z. **GREG KOT**
(LOS ANGELES TIMES)



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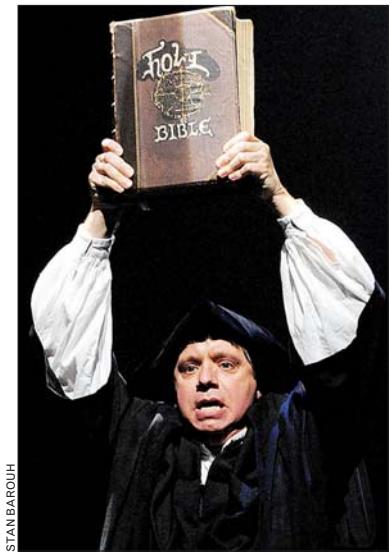
1 Go to Virginia to Find Friends

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→ **Grand Cru**, 401 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; 5:30 p.m.-7 p.m., free; 703-243-7900, Grandcru-wine.com. (Ballston)

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2 To Be Satire, or Not?

Yeah, parodying "Hamlet" is old hat at this point. But "Wittenberg," a "Hamlet"-based comedy currently playing at Rep Stage, is more than a parody. It's a clever, anachronistic, hilarious takeoff on the Shakespeare character, depicting Hamlet's time at college. F.Z.

→ **Rep Stage at Howard Community College**, 10901 Little Patuxent Parkway, Columbia, Md.; through Sun., \$16-\$30; 410-772-4900, Repstage.org.

3 Black Sheep

Oh, the '80s. They'll never die, especially for the people who were famous during them. British metalheads the Cult are touring with a re-creation of "Love," the album that rocketed the group to musical fame in 1985. Hey, it's not necessarily a bad decision — these guys started out as post-punk and got more metal as their careers progressed. We're glad they're getting back to their roots. F.Z.

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DISTRICT 9 (R) - ID REQ'D (150 430) 720 1010

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PONYO (G) (120 PM) 920 920

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Like Talented Mother, Like Daughter

Sue Monk Kidd works with a collaborator dear to her heart

BOOK | The latest book by novelist Sue Monk Kidd gives her fans a window into the creation of her popular best-seller, "The Secret Life of Bees," and into the deepening relationship with her daughter, who helped write the memoir.

"Traveling With Pomegranates"

features Kidd and first-time author Ann Kidd Taylor alternating chapters as they tell of loss and discovery, myth and the relationship between mothers and daughters. The book, published by Viking, an imprint of Penguin Group (USA), came out Tuesday.

Subtitled "A Mother-Daughter Story," Kidd tells of a woman dealing with the changes and loss of turning 50 — a woman with a deep desire to become a novelist and who

incubates a story about a white Southern girl who runs away to live with three black beekeepers.

Taylor writes of finding her place after graduating from college and suffering the breakup of a long-term relationship.

The writers set their memoir against the backdrop of travels to France, Greece and Turkey between 1998 and 2000 in what becomes a journey of discovery.

"It's a story of coming into age

of a young woman, but it's also my story of crossing over into being an older woman," Kidd says. "They are so different, but in a lot of ways they are the same because you're having to deal with feelings of loss. You also hope the reader will take away something about the experience between mother and daughter, which is probably the most complex, emotionally intense and enduring relationship you can have."

BRUCE SMITH (AP)



Ann Kidd Taylor and her mother, Sue Monk Kidd, wrote a book together.



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TRAVEL TALK

When is the best time to go to New Orleans? Is it expensive?

I wouldn't go to New Orleans in the summer, but I'd go any other time. The weather is particularly gorgeous in October-November and in April-May, but mild in the depths of winter, too. As for other times to go, it depends on whether you want craziness and crowds (Halloween, New Year's Eve, Jazzfest, Mardi Gras) or not.



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Avoid a taxi ride from the airport into central London by taking public transit.

We're off to London in a couple days. We'll have a couple suitcases with us. Is a (pricey) taxi ride the best way to get from Heathrow to our hotel? I don't necessarily mind the cost as long as it's fairly hassle-free.

I'm not sure where your hotel is, but assuming it's in central London, you'd be better off taking the fantastic Heathrow Express right into Paddington station and then going from there, either by subway or (indeed, pricey!) cab.

I'm thinking of going to Niagara Falls (the Ontario side) next February for Presidents Day. I know it'll be cold, but are the falls still spectacular, or are they frozen?

The falls rarely freeze (only under freak circumstances), though ice does form. However, the Maid of the Mist stops running in October, and other attractions also close for the winter.

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The Post's Travel Section takes questions every Monday at washingtonpost.com/travel.

Barcelona From Every Angle

Cycle, stroll or ride your way through a striking Spanish city

DESTINATIONS | By metro, tram, bus, bike, car or foot, taking in the streetscapes, panoramas and often-startling architecture of Barcelona can make for a full itinerary. But while you're here, you'll also want to check out what's inside — art, history and, of course, tapas and wine.

Start with an overview of what awaits you by taking a cable car from the top of Montjuic, a 700-foot hill, down to the port. The trip provides spectacular panoramic views of the city and the Mediterranean Sea.

Or opt for the less imposing but equally enjoyable cable car ride up to the top of Montjuic from the city. It can be reached by metro to a funicular that connects to it.

It is on Montjuic that tourists congregate on the steps of the National Museum of Art of Catalonia for yet another bird's-eye view of the Barcelona area.

Nearby are the Olympic Stadium (originally built for the 1929 Great Exhibition and refurbished for the 1992 games), gardens, the



A visitor spends time inside Antoni Gaudí's Sagrada Família, or Holy Family Church, in Barcelona, Spain, in September 2008.

There are miles of bike lanes set aside for pedalers, although motorbikes still seem to be more popular.

Spanish village, a Miró museum, and, at the top, the 18th-century Castell de Montjuic fortress.

Choices are numerous for getting around. Barcelona residents are encouraged to use bicycles, and the city has set up a system whereby they can pay a fee for access to bike racks throughout the city, pick one

up and drop it off elsewhere. As one local put it with understated pride: "It's really very nice." Visitors can rent them, too.

But walking may be the most enjoyable of all for the tourist. This is a spacious city, with wide avenues flanked, in many areas, by narrow side streets. **NORM GOLDSTEIN (AP)**

Real Deals

FROM BUDGET TRAVEL MAGAZINE

CALIF. WINE COUNTRY

\$695 Adventurous foodies can spend five nights at the Bishop's Ranch in Healdsburg, Calif. The deal includes five breakfasts, one brunch, four lunches and five dinners; wine classes and tastings; culinary demon-

strations on herbs, mushrooms and cheeses; trips to a winery, an olive press, a specialty bakery and a cheese store; and local transportation, from \$695 per person — including all taxes and gratuities. **WHEN:** Oct. 11-16, 2009; add \$28 for March 14-19, 2010. **DETAILS:** Based on double occupancy; solo travelers will be paired with other guests. Refer to promo code LI44RJ when booking. **CONTACT:** Elderhostel, 800-454-5768, Elderhostel.org.

5 NIGHTS IN AUSTRALIA

\$987 Explore the wilds of Australia's Northern

Territory with this guided itinerary.

The deal includes five nights' accommodations (one in a hotel in Alice Springs, four camping in the bush); guided hikes of the monolithic Uluru (aka Ayers Rock), the gorges and sandstone domes of Kata Tjuta (the Olgas), Watarrka National Park, and Oak Valley; 13 meals; a swag (a sleeping bag with a waterproof cover);

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FESTIVALS 'Little House,' Big Bash Residents of Laura Ingalls Wilder's birthplace in northwestern Wisconsin will be celebrating her life next weekend. The Laura Ingalls Wilder Days Festival in Pepin, Wis., on Saturday and Sunday includes guided tours of her birth site; demonstrations of blacksmithing, woodworking and quilting; and a contest in which fans demonstrate their Wilder knowledge. Wilder was born in the hills near Pepin in 1867, and her book "Little House in the Big Woods" was set there. (AP)

Recipe for Camaraderie

Members of cooking clubs test out fresh dishes and make new foodie friends

In another life, Leslie Forte might have cooked for a living. "I worked in catering when I was in college, and I would probably do it today if the hours weren't painfully awful," she says.

Instead, Forte uses her culinary skills as a member of two cooking clubs, one a small group of couples and the other made up of about two dozen moms from the Reston/Herndon/Vienna area. "I love to try new recipes," says the 36-year-old mother of three and IT director for the Howard Hughes Medical Institute. "But you never know if they're going to be a flop or not. It's nice to go to the club and have 20 other recipes people have tried out for you."

Thanks to the Food Network and magazines such as Cooking Light, lots of amateur chefs have been encouraged to sharpen their knives, break out their cookbooks, and try recipes both simple and complex. And many of them have banded together to form cooking or supper clubs like Forte's, which might have specific culinary focuses (Italian food, low-fat dishes) or may just be a group of friends who want to swap recipes and socialize.

Authors and cooking club members Dina Guillen and Michelle Lowrey profiled a dozen such clubs in their book "Cooking Club: Great Ideas & Delicious Recipes for Fabulous Get-Togethers" (\$24, Sasquatch Books). Some groups concentrate on exotic eats, while others are all-male or movie-inspired. "Everybody had a different reason for starting their club," says Guillen. "But they all had the same thing in common: to get a group of people together of like mind who liked food."



Members of Leslie Forte's cooking club — including (from left) Jess Wilcox, Jenny Rulli and Elizabeth Huang — meet to eat.

Forte's mom-centric cooking club used to focus more on gourmet goodies, but shrinking budgets and recession worries are changing that. "We're doing things like five ingredients or less," she says. "It's evolved into making something practical, economical and easy to get onto the table quickly."

As people scale back on restaurant visits and grocery purchases, clubs such as Forte's are becoming an important outlet of both the social and epicurean kind. "We still need that social connection," says Debi Shawcross, a Richmond, Va.-based cooking-class instruc-

tor and author who's working on a cookbook for supper clubs. "Supper clubs during the Great Depression thrived because peo-

“Supper clubs during the Depression thrived because people needed that connection.”

ple needed that connection with each other. I think that the same thing's happening now."

Starting a club isn't hard, as long as members' goals are clear

from the outset. "The biggest thing we've learned is that you've got to be on the same page when you start," Lowrey says. "That makes everything else so much easier."

Looking to join an existing club? Try Cookinglight.com, which hosts discussion boards on the subject grouped by region.

Being in a club may not make you the next Bobby Flay, but it might help you whip up a killer curry or some decadent brownies. "I've learned that a lot of people think they can't cook, and they really can," Forte says. "The club's given a lot of new cooks a lot more confidence."

BETH LUBERECKI

recipe file



Roasted Curried Cauliflower, Potatoes and Peas

INGREDIENTS:

- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup vegetable oil
- 1 tbsp black mustard seeds
- 2 tbsp curry powder
- 1 tbsp grated fresh ginger
- 1 tbsp minced garlic
- 1 tbsp sugar
- 2 tsp coarse salt
- $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp freshly ground black pepper
- 1 onion, peeled and quartered
- 2 heads cauliflower, cut into florets
- 2 lbs. russet potatoes, peeled and cut into $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch pieces
- 1 cup frozen peas, thawed
- 2 tsp freshly squeezed lemon juice
- Salt, fresh-ground black pepper
- $\frac{1}{4}$ cup chopped fresh cilantro

SERVES 10

PREHEAT THE OVEN TO 475 F. Whisk together oil, mustard seeds, curry, ginger, garlic, sugar, salt and pepper in a bowl. Pull apart the onion quarters into separate layers. Toss the onion, cauliflower and potatoes with curry mixture. Distribute mixture equally on two large, rimmed baking sheets; spread veggies in a single layer. Put one baking sheet in the middle of the oven and the other on the lower rack. Roast for 30 minutes, switching sheets halfway through roasting time. Add the peas and roast for five more minutes. Mound the vegetables in a large bowl. Season them with the lemon juice and with salt and pepper to taste, and then sprinkle with cilantro.

FROM "COOKING CLUB: GREAT IDEAS & DELICIOUS RECIPES FOR FABULOUS GET-TOGETHERS" (\$24, SASQUATCH BOOKS)

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Poll Center

HAS ANGER OVER PRESIDENT OBAMA'S POLICIES GOTTEN OUT OF HAND?

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS AS OF 5 P.M.

YES 53%

NO 47%

"No. People have finally started to tell government they are fed up with its policies. They just need to remember Congress is part of the issue as well."

COMMENTER EDWARD NIGMA

"I am afraid we haven't seen anger yet. If [Obama] does not start listening to the people, you may see anger in the form of riots."

AN ANONYMOUS COMMENTER

"Most of this anger is not over his policies at all. The majority of those attending the rallies are using police as an excuse to cover up the fact that they still can't accept this country's having a black president."

COMMENTER NOVAHS

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"I think Jon [Gosselin] should grow up and be a real man. My prayers go to Kate, [as] she will, as always, face all the tough decisions alone."

A COMMENTER AT **THEHOUR.COM** FINDS THE REALITY-STAR DAD'S COMMENT THAT HE "DESPISES" HIS ESTRANGED WIFE IMMATURE, ADDING, "I HOPE HE REALIZES THAT HIS CHILDREN ONE DAY WILL HEAR THE TERRIBLE THINGS HE IS SAYING ABOUT THEIR MOTHER."



"Deep into the presidential campaign, I was stunned to learn that a significant number of my students had never heard Barack Obama speak."

D.C.-AREA HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER DAN BROWN EXPLAINS ON **HUFFINGTONPOST.COM** WHY HE THINKS THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH AT WAKEFIELD HIGH SCHOOL IN ARLINGTON WAS HELPFUL FOR STUDENTS.

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Cloudy, rain

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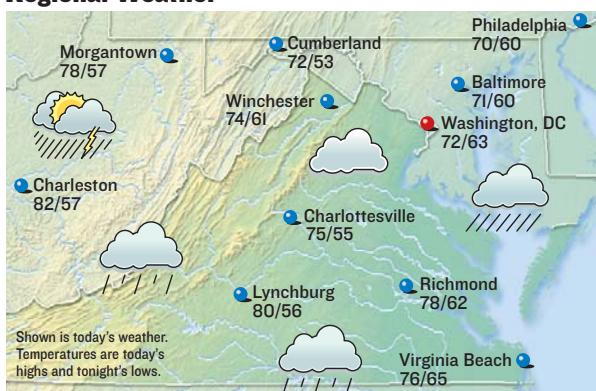
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Partly sunny

82° / 66°

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Almanac

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Normal year to date 27.25"

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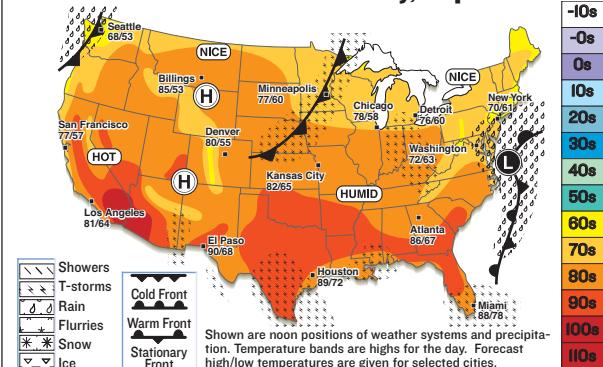
D.C. Metro: Today, mostly cloudy, rain. High 72. Wind northeast 10-20 mph. Tonight, mostly cloudy, showers. Low 63. Tomorrow, rain. High 67.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today 6:44 a.m.
Sunset tonight 7:26 p.m.
Moonrise today 9:45 p.m.
Moonset today 11:55 a.m.



National Weather for Wednesday, September 9



National Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Thur. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Thur. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	86/67/pc	84/66/pc	Amsterdam	70/54/sh	63/50/pc
Boston	66/55/c	63/55/c	Athens	76/68/pc	79/67/s
Chicago	78/58/t	79/59/t	Berlin	75/59/s	73/55/c
Dallas	94/74/t	96/73/t	Buenos Aires	55/36/s	59/39/s
Denver	80/55/pc	90/51/s	Calgary	69/44/pc	61/39/s
Honolulu	89/76/s	89/74/pc	Dublin	63/50/pc	64/50/s
Los Angeles	81/64/s	84/64/s	Geneva	80/49/s	75/54/pc
Miami	88/78/t	88/78/t	Moscow	72/52/pc	72/54/pc
New York City	70/61/r	62/60/r	Rome	77/59/s	76/61/s
Orlando	90/73/t	88/74/t	Sydney	68/45/s	70/46/s
Seattle	68/53/c	75/56/s	Tokyo	81/66/pc	83/68/s

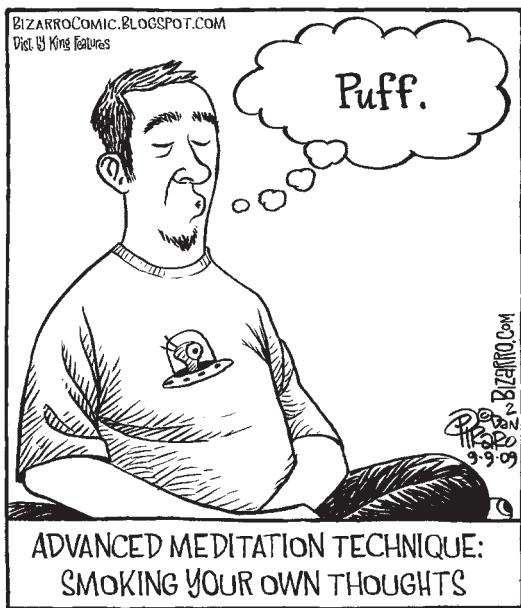
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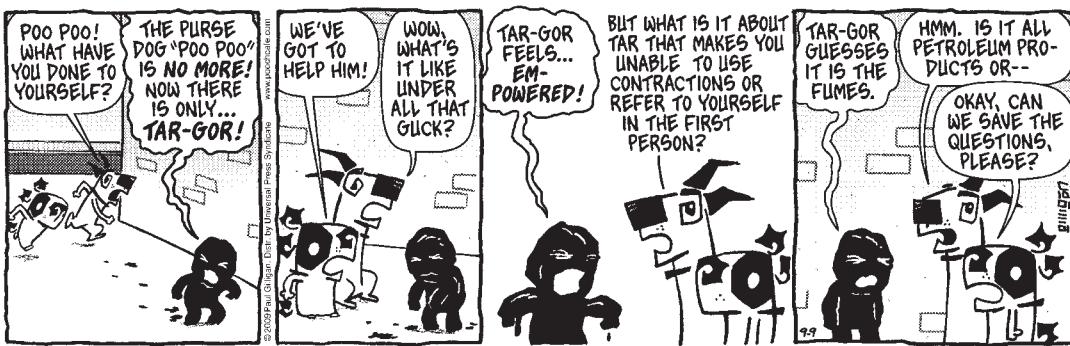
Bizarro | Dan Piraro



Cornered | Mike Baldwin



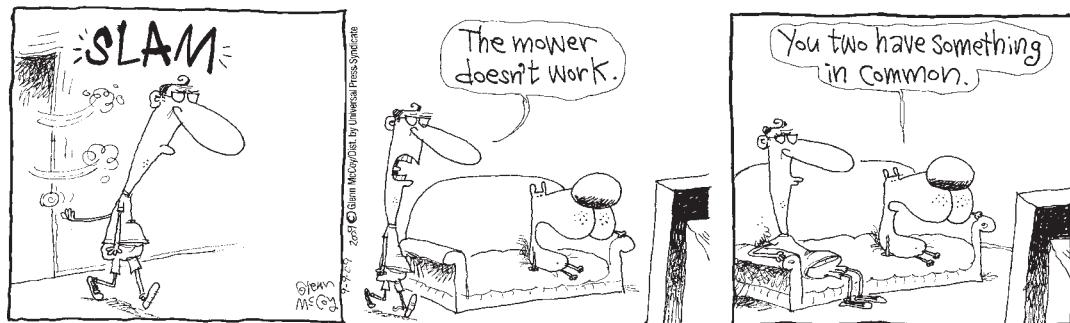
Pooch Cafe | Paul Gilligan



Pearls Before Swine | Stephan Pastis



The Duplex | Glenn McCoy



Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You are likely to feel a surge of energy toward midday, probably as a direct result of news received while on the job.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Things are looking up, and you're ready to put some old plans into motion in a new way. All eyes may be on you during the evening hours.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) There's little you can do to change the course of the day once you've set things in motion. Change can be made only at the very beginning.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You're feeling a little more vulnerable than usual. Make it clear to those around you that you can take only so much.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You can protect yourself from too much criticism, but be willing to face certain unpleasant facts that are uncovered.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Make sure that you're expending your energy on the right things. Anything misdirected is likely to be wasted at this time.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You needn't do things in an aggressive fashion. The more subtle and persuasive you can be, the better. You'll be noticed.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You may be trying to do too much at one time, limiting the quality of your work by focusing too much on quantity. It's time for a change.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Money spent on yourself is likely to reap immediate rewards. It's time to treat yourself as well as you treat others.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You may have trouble keeping certain pieces of information under wraps, but that's just what you must try to do during the first part of the day.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You have an important choice to make. Something that begins slowly may evolve into a valuable collaboration.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You'll have others coming out of the woodwork to help you. What you're trying to do can benefit many, and everyone wants you to succeed.

Today in History

1776 The Second Continental Congress in Philadelphia changes the name "United Colonies" to "United States."



1893 Frances Cleveland, wife of President Grover Cleveland, gives birth to a daughter, Esther, in the White House. It is the first time a president's child is born there.

1957 President Dwight D. Eisenhower signs into law the first civil rights bill to pass Congress since the Civil War.

1974 President Gerald Ford is criticized heavily in Congress for his pardoning of former president Richard Nixon.

1998 Independent prosecutor Kenneth Starr submits to Congress a report on possible impeachable offenses by President Bill Clinton.

2003 The Roman Catholic archdiocese of

Asif Ali Zardari speaks to the media after taking office on Sept. 9, 2008.

Boston and lawyers representing 552 alleged victims of sexual abuse by priests announce a legal settlement worth up to \$85 million.

2008 Asif Ali Zardari, the widower of assassinated ex-Pakistani leader Benazir Bhutto, takes office as Pakistan's president.

lookout people



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The U.N. and the stock market are both glad to hear things have settled down.

UPDATES

Rightful Balance of Universe Is Restored

After going blond in August for the Teen Choice Awards, reality TV star **KIM KARDASHIAN** has returned her locks to their normal brunette state, according to Usmagazine.com. "I'm dying [sic] my hair back dark," she said on her blog. "Bye, bye, blonde, see u next summer!" (EXPRESS)

WISDOM

Aniston Tells It Like It Is to Kate Gosselin

"I'm still a romantic. I still believe in love," **JENNIFER ANISTON** tells the Australian edition of Harper's Bazaar in its October issue. She also believes women do too much work in their relationships: "Women complain that men don't do enough, but it's your own fault. You train your man to do nothing. You can't blame someone for not knowing what his or her job should be if you don't ask for it right off the bat." (EXPRESS)



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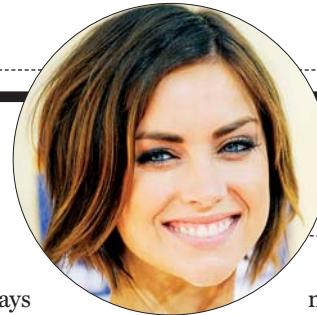
The Very Finest Whine

JON GOSSELIN says he despises his estranged wife, Kate, and thinks she took his wedding ring. The reality TV star told Chris Cuomo on "Good Morning America" Tuesday that he set down his ring one day and it vanished. He says no one else could have taken it. He also accuses Kate of verbally abusing him and beating him down during their marriage. (AP)

ANOMALIES

'90210' and 'Meant a Lot' Used in Same Sentence

JESSICA STROUP says she appreciates the challenge of playing someone with a mental disorder. The 23-year-old actress plays bipolar Silver on the reincarnation of "90210" on the CW network. The show's second season made its premiere Tuesday night. Stroup says she's care-



ful not to play Silver's mood swings too over the top. She says she did as much research on the disorder as she could because "it's something that touches so many people but isn't really explored." Stroup says some people "have reached out to me to say they watched and it meant a lot." (AP)

A JAMES PATTERSON NOVEL!

What's Black and White And Greed All Over?

After more than 40 best-sellers, **JAMES PATTERSON** is just getting started: He has agreed to a 17-book

deal with the Hachette Book Group. Hachette announced Tuesday that the ultra-prolific novelist, whose output has been enhanced by such co-authors as Maxine Paetro and Andrew Gross, will turn out 11 adult thrillers and six for young people by the end of 2012. Financial terms were not disclosed. (AP)



With enough money, you can buy the recipe for your very own Elijah Wood.

DNA

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ELIJAH WOOD has donated his DNA to benefit the Art of Elysium, a charity for seriously ill children, People.com reported. The company DNA 11 made an artwork from his genetic code; this artwork is now up for auction on eBay. "I'm really excited to take part in DNA 11's scientific process for creating a unique and original art piece," he said in a statement. (EXPRESS)

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ACROSS

1 Jobs for SEALs
4 Hand-held holers
8 Purchase new weapons
13 Pans' partners
15 Repeated, it's a Carrey flick
16 Provide with tools
17 Taj Mahal city
18 Drink often served in a bowl
20 Hung around
22 "Ned Kelly" actor
Ledger
23 They're up in the air
24 Terrible tot
25 Go ballistic
27 Puts up a fuss
31 "Purple ___" (rock classic)
32 Riveted seat covers?
33 Line judge's call
34 Prima donnas' problems
35 Do the honors at Thanksgiving
36 Portion of the Ponderosa
37 Game pieces
38 It may be organized
39 Glance over
40 Triumphs
42 Shows the ropes
44 Takes a look
45 "Barracuda" band
46 More competent
48 Challenges

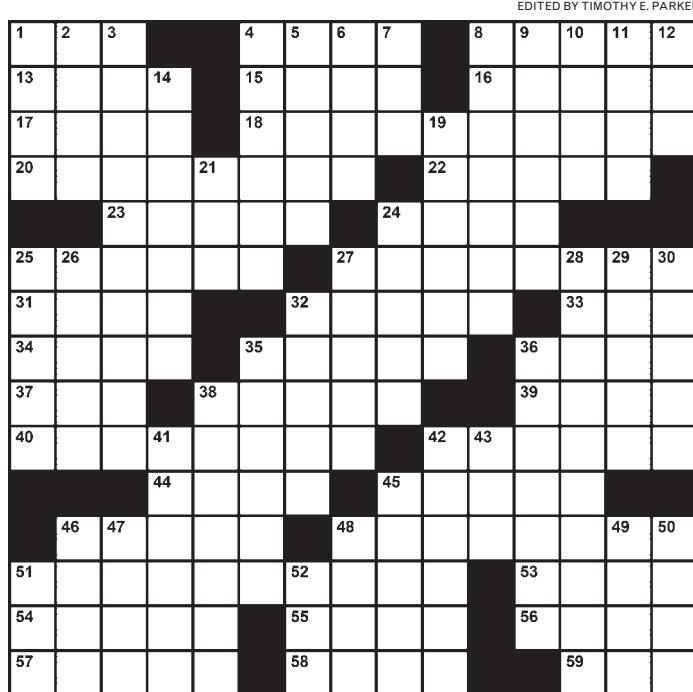
51 Familiar group of stars
53 Valuable deposit

54 Fred Berry on "What's Happening!"
55 School founded in 1701
56 Send out
57 Unit's core group
58 End of a threat
59 They're not from around here

DOWN

1 Birthstone of many Libras
2 Comics possum
3 Focus for fastballers
4 Batman's man
5 They may get crossed
6 Shower with praise
7 ___ Lanka
8 Duplicates

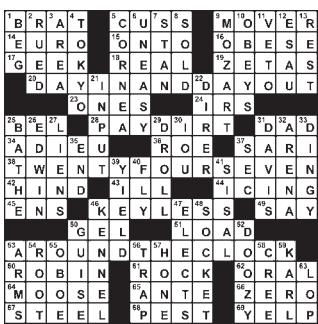
9 Make a comparison
10 "Travels With My ___" (Graham Greene)
11 Extravagantly endowed
12 Dashboard data, for short
13 Old yellers
14 They poke fun
15 Royal spot
16 Hot time in Toulon
17 Face up to
18 Challenges



26 Impatient
27 Salon styles
28 "Laugh-In" line
29 Shroud site
30 Pipe parts
32 They have a lot of bars
35 Old yellers
36 Ordinarily
38 Hot red pepper
41 Sofa fabric
42 One answering questions

43 Hard knock
45 Parts of rolling landscapes
46 Surface measurement
47 Winter migrator
48 Negotiation ender
49 Make a change
50 Firms up
51 Middle Earth meanie
52 Parting word

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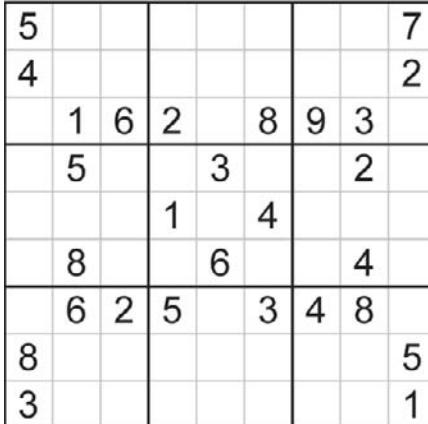
Fill in the boxes so each row, column and 3-by-3 square includes the digits 1 through 9.

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